

14 February 1957

Present: Mr. Swartz, Mr. Beckman, Mr. J. E. Smith, Mr. Worley, Mrs. McCarty, Mr. Dykema, Mrs. Bridgham, Mr. Behen, and Mr. Reilly.

1. The chairman ^{referred} offered to Mr. Beckman a letter from the American Association for the Advancement of Science in which an offer was made to send a representative to Youngstown University to discuss problems in science and mathematics courses. Since the representative for this area is Professor Garrett of the ~~Science~~ ^{Chemistry} department of Ohio State, it seemed best to refer the letter to the head of our ~~science~~ ^{chemistry} department, which Mr. Beckman will do.

2. Dean Smith brought up the problem of dealing with students who because of low grades should be expelled or placed on probation. The problem is particularly serious at the mid-year registration because there is so little time to find out who these students are. It was suggested that the present rule--a student who has half or more F grades is to be dropped from the University--be altered ~~so that expulsion would be required only at the end of the academic year, and even students with more than half F's would merely be placed on probation.~~ ^{so to waive this rule for first year, and even students with more than half F's would merely be freshmen who have been in school only one semester.} The Committee however did not feel ready to act on this suggestion immediately, and Mr. Reilly and Mr. Swartz were appointed to work out a more careful statement in consultation with Dean Smith.

3. Dean Smith requested the chairman to check on the action of the Committee of last spring on the matter of determining probation: (From the minutes of the Academic Standards Committee of 16 Feb. 1956, Item 2: Mr. Smith moved that probation be determined on the basis of the preceding semester's grades rather than on the cumulative point average. Work done during a summer session shall be considered as part of that done in the student's preceding semester for purposes of point average. The motion was seconded by Mr. Behen and unanimously approved.) This action should be put in the catalog this year.

4. Dean Smith raised the question of whether there would be any value in indicating two kinds of E grades in turning in students' grades: E(F) and E(P). The little discussion that followed the proposal indicated little enthusiasm for it.